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ARMY AT SALONIKI AWAITS THE NEXT

Reports Conflict as to Plans for Teuton-Bulgar-Turk Advance.

GREECE'S ATTITUDE STILL A PUZZLE TO BOTH SIDES

Her Statesmen Disagree as to Course in Event of an In-

NO CHANGE IN PREMIERSHIP

Gounaris, Victor in Recent Election, Foregoes Office and Majority Will Support Skouloudis.

LONDON, December 27, 12:15 p.m.-Conflicting reports continue to reach London from the scene of the near eastern campaign. Statements from some sources make it appear the Teutonic allies are preparing steadily for an offensive movement in cent appropriations for ordnance sup-

and Turks:

taken the Athens government will de-vote its efforts toward obtaining guar-antees of the execuation of Greek ter-ritory immediately following the com-

y immediately following the com-on of military operations. ng Constantine has telegraphed to error William saying that it would mpossible to allow Bulgarian or kish troops to cross the Greek tier, says the Mail's correspondent thens, who had interviews with the k ministers.

aris, minister of the interior, candidly confessed, according to the correspondent, that he did not know what would be done if the Bulgarian or Turks attempted to cross the fron

Minister of Justice Rhallis, on the other hand, was just as emphatic in declaring that no Turk or Bulgarian would be permitted to set foot on Greek soil. He reproached the allies for obstinately remaining at Saloniki, declaring that all of the difficulties of Greece would be removed if the allies evacuated Saloniki.

Two Greek newspapers have published a statement to the effect that Rumania has approached the central powers with a view to obtaining a guarantee for the eventual evacuation of Greek Macedonia, as Rumania con-

siders herself interested in its reten-tion by Greece. The Greek govern-ment, however, denies the truth of the

report.
The correspondent at Athens of the Exchange Telegraph Company says a royal decree has been issued disbanding two auxiliary classes of troops. Is Not to Be Premier.

BERLIN, December 27, by wireless to party won the recent general election Greece, has renounced his claims to the premiership, the Overseas News Agency says. An Athens dispatch re-Agency says. An Athens dispatch received by the news agency says that M. Gounaris made a report to King Constantine on the outcome of the election, and added that as the leader of the new majority party he was willing to support the ministry of Premier Skouloudis. Owing to political conditions in Greece, he believed a change in government to be not only unnecessary, but unwise.

It is said the king agreed with this suggestion.

the subject of the elections and obtained from him an affirmation that his triumph was demonstrated by the small number of voters polled, I called upon M. Gounaris, who denied there was any considerable number of abstentions and claimed that even if the 300,000 soldiers mobilized had been able to vote the result would have been the same. I then sought to ask about the foreign policy of Greece, but M. Gounaris interrupted me, saying:

rupted me, saying:
"Greece's policy is unchanged. Greece
s a small state, which does not want to
be dragged into the war, which might
involve a catastrophe like those which have befallen Belgium and Serbia. We are Geeks and nothing else. I am neither a Germanophile, nor a Franceophile, but just a Greek. Germanophiles do not exist in Greece.

circumstances, remained attached to she owes her existence and her devel opment. But you cannot ask that the sentiment should go so far as to lead us, without absolute necessity, into the conflict and we believe nothing now requires us to cease our neutrality directs always will feel keenly what ceres of the formance, but we cannot do more. "I then asked M. Goungris to explain how, if the Bulgarians are the hereditary enemies of Greece, the Greek people could agree to the allies' army falling back the first transportation of the future. The reports of the future. The reports of the future interting that it are complished facts and the attitude (Continued on Second Page.)

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NEED OF THE INGREDIENT FOR EXPLOSIVES IS CITED

Chief of Ordnance, in Annual Re- Report of American Representative port, Discusses Various Phases of Army Equipment.

To free the United States Army from its dependence for nitrates for the rozier, chief of ordnance, in his anual report today, says the govern ment, if necessary, should develop the from the air. If means can be found to promote that work through private enterprise, the report contends, that would be the soundest economic polasserted, that the government should itself undertake the work if other neans fail.

The country is now dependent upon nitrates from the Chican fields, it is Lansing's call for reports on the stated, which might be cut off in time disaster, was the first official inof war. A store of sodium nitrate has been piled up against a sudden emer- formation on the incident which

Suggests a Liberal Policy. The report disapproves of the limita-

conjunction with the Bulgarians plies, requiring that the government Other advices, however, are that the Bulgarians fear to attack, less they be caught between two fires in the strip of territory from the Saloniki-Doiran to the Saloniki-Gievgeli railroads.

Probable Greek Attitude.

The central powers are still negotiating with Greece. An interview with Premier Skouloudis forecasts fallure of the efforts to prevent an invasion of Greclan Macedonia. It is intimated that if an invasion is undertages, are held at the summer of fine for the model army of 450,000 men estimated as immediately necessary in case of war, the report says, for lack of funds. Of the 223 batteries of field guns needed for such a force of the fine such a fire funds. private bids are below the cost of

greater supply of machine guns, the report states. Firing at ranges heretofore believed to be impractical is an everyday occurrence abroad, it says, take in the general subject of attack and the results obtained appear to justify the expenditure of ammunition. Steps are being taken to increase the range of all United States artillery.

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range of all United States artillery.

"The allowance of ammunition possible to provide with the appropriations made in the past years for field artillery target practice has been found to be far from adequate for the proper instruction of the personnel of the field artillery batteries and of the student officers at the School of Fire."

says the report. "A number of field artillery batteries are supplied with the heavy field material, and these batteries require a greatly increased allowance for the work of developing the best method of handling this materiel, as well as for the instruction of guided with concern for the good relations between the two countries, officials take it, means that Austria-Hungary probably expects more diplomatic correspondence upon the subject. The United States is disinclined to en-

tion, and added that as the leader of the new majority party he was willing to support the ministry of Premier Skouloudis. Owing to political conditions in Greece, he believed a change in government to be not only unnecessary, but unwise.

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Views of Greek Statesmen.

PARIS, December 27,—The Athens correspondent of the Matin sends the following:

"Having interviewed M. Venizelos on the subject of the elections and obter the subject of the elections and obter the majority party he was willing ammunition, 65 ammunition only and 1 rifles only. Twenty schools have taken advantage of this act and have drawn 1,015 rifles, 622 carbines and 118,460 rounds of ammunition therefor. The rifles are of the model of 1898, the carbines of the model of 1899 (both Krag-Jorgensens). The additional work entailed by the issue of rifles and ammunition to rifle clubs and schools has occupied practically the entire time of one clerk, many inquiries being received in regard to these issues which do not result in an issue being made. The department has endeavored to make it as easy as possible ammunition have been issued to 204 line marine warrare. As was done in the clubs, of which 195 drew both rifles and correspondence with Germany, the ammunition, 65 ammunition only and 1 lifled States will hold to the position that if submarines fall to give warring their commanders cannot be sure that an American life will not be placed in

being made. The department has en-deavored to make it as easy as possible for the clubs and schools to obtain arms and ammunition under the provisions of this act without deviating from the con-ditions laid down by Congress."

SEA GULLS VISIT PARIS.

Flying About Grand Palace, Result of Rise in Seine.

PARIS, December 27, 10:25 a.m.-Sea Friendly to the Allies.

"All Greece, even under the present circumstances, remained attached to

Cruiser's Crew Draws Big Prize. FERROL, Spain, December 27, via Paris, noon.—The capital prize 6,000,000 pesetas (\$1,200,000) in

MOVE IN BALKANS Gen. Crozier Suggests the De- Consul Bristow Also Cables Yasaka Maru Did Not Try to Escape.

> U-BOAT WAS SEEN FIRST AFTER TORPEDO ATTACK

at Port Said to Be Pasis for Note to Teutons.

American Consul Bristow at Port Said cabled today that no warning was given the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru before she lectrical processes of taking nitrogen was torpedoed and sunk in the submarine of unestablished nationality. The liner, he added, made no attempt to escape.

The consul's dispatch, which came in response to Secretary disaster, was the first official inprobably will be the subject of further diplomatic correspondence with the Teutonic powers.

U-Boat Seen After Attack.

Today's report said the submarine been torpedoed and that then, only her

the best method of handling this materiel, as well as for the instruction of the personnel in accordance with such method. Special effort will be made to obtain the increased appropriation considered essential.

Equipment of Rife Clubs.

The report further sets forth: "Since the provisions of the act of Congress approved April 27, 1914, have been put into effect 1,780 rifles and 1,446,560 rounds of ammunition have been issued to 261 rifle clubs, of which 195 drew both rifles and The State Department has not been advised what instructions, if any, have been given commanders of Austro-Hungarian submarines.

Reports in Tokio Confirm **News That Liner Was Sunk**

by U-Boat Without Warning TOKIO, Japan, December 27.-Detailed advices received here today from Port Said concerning the sinking of the Yasaka Maru corroborate previous statements that the steamship was tor pedoed without warning. It is said she

was attacked at 2:35 p.m. by a submarine whose presence had not been observed. No flag was visible. Shortly after the torpedo was dis-PARIS, December 27, 10:25 a.m.—Sea gulls, which rarely visit. Paris, are flying about the Grand Palace this one short, appeared above the water morning. Their presence is attributed to the high water in the Seine, which now has risen nearly ten feet, covering some of the wharves in the lowest tendence of the wharves in the lowest tendence of the wharves in the lowest tendence of the water the torpedo was discharged water the torpedo was discharged to the period to position off the steamship. They moved to a position off the steamship. They moved to a position off the steamship and the period was discharged two periodos, one long and one short, appeared above the water within 400 feet of the steamship. They moved to a position off the steamship and the periodos was discharged two periodos, one long and one short, appeared above the water within 400 feet of the steamship. They moved to a position off the steamship and the periodos was discharged two periodos was dischar ning tower was visible for a brief time at a point about a mile away. The report describes the manner in which all on board the steamship en-

which all on board the steamann, tered the boats safely, this having accomplished within ten minutes o time the torpedo was discharged.



AFTER THE STORM.

PRESIDENT WILL BE 59 YEARS OLD TOMORROW

Great Birthday Cake With Candle British Ministry to Decide Whether Vienna Government Reported Anxfor Each Year Being Prepared

HOT SPRINGS, Va., December 27 .leavy snow kept President Wilson in ng to papers brought from Washing to motoring later in the day

York city, several applications for pardons and numerous routine executive rders.

Will Be Fifty-Nine Tomorrow. The President will celebrate his fiftyinth birthday anniversary tomorrow. He will be surprised at dinner with ply by the Vienna foreign office to the great birthday cake, bearing fifty-nine candles, which the hotel management ordered the chef to prepare. Officers

tion as an honorary member of the Pass Christian, Miss., department two years ago, have invited him to attend a and add another honorary membership to his list. Mr. Wilson won his place in the Pass Christian organization by aiding it in putting out a fire.

Will Push Defense Program. Congress will be urged by President upon the administration's national de Christmas holidays. It is learned that although the President has no desire to see the preparedness plans rushed through without full consideration and

debate, he is most anxious to have the army and navy bill disposed of as promptly as possible. He not only believes it is essential to put the War and Navy departments in a position to begin work on their new programs without delay, but wants the congressional calendars cleared for general without delay, but wants the congres-sional calendars cleared for general legislation later in the winter. Snow fell here all night Saturday night, covering the ground to a depth of more than a foot. This did not keep the President and his bride from hav-ing their daily automobile ride yester-day, however.

Ing their day, however.

It was slow and difficult traveling, but for an hour and a half the White House car toiled winding roads, while its passengers enjoyed the wonderful winter the winderful winter air. The President's stenographer, who went to Washington for Christmas, returned yesterday, bringing a great package of letters and messages, from the White House. It was said that none of the communications concerned business of great

munications concerned business of great importance.

There was a meeting in the hotel last night, held under the auspices of the Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen, and addressed by Mrs. Seth Barton French, recently returned from her Red Cross work in France. The President and Mrs. Wilson declined invitations to attend.

RUSSIANS IN CAUCASUS REPORTED DEMORALIZED

BERLIN, December 27, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y .- "Reports from the Cau-casus received here from Constanti-

CONSCRIPTION IS ISSUE

Compulsory Service Is at Hot Springs. Required.

> council will be held today, and it is expected will take a decision on the ques Derby scheme of recruitment justify continued adhesion to the voluntary system, or whether some form of con-This council should have been held

Clyde district: hence the postponement

plan, according to the Times, is to give the single men another chance for fortnight, during which time the seri- VICTORY FOR RUSSIANS ous position would be brought home to them, and that if this plan still failed to bring the men to the scratch, these ministers will reluctantly abandon their opposition to conscription.

Another solution to the problem is a general election on the question, and it is stated that the ministers also have discussed such a solution.

PREDICTS CABINET UPHEAVAL. Berlin Paper Thinks England Will Seek Hurried Peace.

LONDON, December 27.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Zeitung Am Mittag of Berlin makes a feature of a dispatch to the effect that the Brit-ish cabinet is on the eve of resignation, and that Premier Asquith and Foreign Secretary Grey will withdraw while Earl Kitchener will leave the war office for Egypt.

"The new head of the government, fensive and nave gained considerable says the newspaper, "will be Lord Haldane, and Lord Fisher will become first lord of the admiralty."

Commenting on this news, the Zeitung Am Mittag surmises that "the task of the Haldane cabinet will be to bring about a hurried peace."

fensive and nave gained considerable territory in the Sanjak, taking numerous villages and inflicting large losses upon the Austrians, according to an official statement from Cettinje, given out by the Montenegrin consul here to-day.

Plan to Destroy Suez Canal. LONDON, December 27 .- An Athens dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says Large numbers of heavy guns, destined for the expedition against Egypt, con tinue to arrive at Constantinople. German staff at Constantinople is credited with the intention of mounting these guns behind sand dunes at a great distance, in order to bombard and destroy the works at the Suez canal.

Swiss Hear Kaiser Is Gravely Ill. LONDON, December 26, 7:50 p.m.-Alarming rumors, probably of an ex-

WOULD AVERT A BREAK BEFORE CABINET TODAY WITH THE UNITED STATES

ious for a Settlement of

BERLIN, via London. een received by the Associated Press taking an optimistic view of the Austro-American situation.

sincere desire to preserve friendly re-lations with the United States, even at Friday, but David Lloyd George, min- lations with the United States, even at ister of munitions, was engaged in an a considerable sacrifice, and is en-peoples of Pan-America on questions important munitions mission in the deavoring to formulate a reply to the of education, science and history, as Americans still closer together throughsecond American note on the Ancona they were brought together in Wash- out both continents, alike in sympathy infectory.

May Break Up Cabinet.

The Times suggests this morning that the conscriptionists are in a majority in the cabinet and that should force be decided upon some anti-conscription ministers will resign.

They, however, will not go to this extreme until all hope of securing unity in the cabinet is abandoned. Their of Vienna before the dispatch of the austrian foreign office to the Associated Press correspondent at Vienna recently, which contrasts strikingly with the attitude of Vienna before the dispatch of the first note.

IN PERSIA IS CLAIMED

PETROGRAD, December 27, via Lonion, 2:30 p.m.—The defeat by Russian troops in Persia of a formidable force. Persian insurgents, is reported in an official statement issued today by general headquarters. It is declared that the opposing army suffered heavily and was badly broken up mader the Russian attack.

The Germans have been active along the Riga-Dvinsk front, according to the statement, using gas in some of their attacks, but were repulsed in all in-

MONTENEGRINS GAINING GROUND FROM AUSTRIANS

PARIS, December 27, 12:50 p.m.-The Montenegrins are continuing their offensive and have gained considerable territory in the Sanjak, taking numer-

TURKS LOSE MANY MEN IN ASSAULTING BRITISH

DELHI, December 26, via London, De. against the British forces at Kut-el-Amara was driven back Saturday with heavy losses, according to an official report received from Gen. Townshend, the British commander. The report

Capt. Anthony Gallagher Dead. CHICAGO, December 27.-Capt. Anony Gallagher, a sailing master the great lakes for more than fifty years, died at his home here yesterday. He was seventy-five years of age. He was among the first captains to bring a steamboat into Chicago.

Scarlet Fever in Germany. LONDON, December 27.-A dispatch

to the Exchange from Amsterdam tells of a serious scar-let fever epidemic in Germany, extend-ing from Bromberg to a number of villages in Posen, where the sickness is unusually acute.

Twelve Other National and International Affiliated Organizations to Meet Here During Thirteen Days' Conference. The second Pan-American Scientific Congress began in Wash-

ington this morning, with delegations from twenty American republics participating, Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States, and Robert Lansing, Secretary of State of the United States, welcoming the great gathering of more than 1,000 participants with keynote speeches which urged a closer union between the pan-American countries, which were responded to by assurances from representatives of all the American republics that they have gathered in Washington to bring about that object, if possible. Secretary Lansing discussed pan-Americanism as "the interna-

tional policy of the United States" and the Monroe doctrine of the United States as its "national policy," pointing out that the two are harmonious. Vice President Marshall interjected in his address a plea for increased military preparedness for the United States, and hinted at the possibility of an understanding between pan-American countries which will forever make impossible aggression from European countries. Eduardo Suarez Mujica, Chilean ambassador to the United States, who was named president of the congress, said that he was convinced he was interpreting the thought and feeling of each and every one when he said that the government of the United States today completed the erasing with a friendly hand of the last traces of misunderstanding and erroneous interpretation which in the past had clouded the horizon of the Americas.

seld since a similar event in Santiago, Memorial Continental Hall at 10 o'clock this morning by John Barrett, secre-From a highly competent non-Austrian tary general of the organization. Its meetings will be held continuously for thirteen days in Washington, at various hotels and other gathering places, and twelve other national and international organizations affiliated with the the

ings to the delegates to the Pan-Amer piest omen that the attendance upor the congress should be so large and thought which it produces will bind

Vice President Marshall. Speaking for Mr. Wilson, **Welcomes the Delegates**

Vice President Marshall was seated on the platform at the opening of the President Wilson, and he declared that the ideal of pan-Americanism should be to prevent unjust interference in the Hall over the delegates, gathered from affairs of the American nations and all corners of the Americas, attending that the United States would be the the opening formalities of the second any country of the Americas.

The audience applauded when the Vice President said that he supposed almost every one present knew why the President could not be present at the opening of the congress. "I do not apologize for the absence

"I do not apologize for the absence of the President of the United States," Mr. Marshall said, "for the reason for his absence is known to you all. In the presence of love, science is silent. I am quite sure I address no man who has loved, who does love or who hopes to love who does not wish for the President of the United States years of unclouded happiness.

"Old things have passed away," the Vice President remarked. "No one can convince me that the awful cataclysm in Europe has not swept aside all that we have known as safe and sure charts on the sea of life. I think it necessary for some new Columbus to discover again a new America, and I do believe that in this chamber today there is some new Columbus who will discover a new America not bound by the selfish interests of the past, but bound by the commonwealth of the Americas."

Speaking of the necessity for increased military preparedness. Mr.

Americas."

Speaking of the necessity for increased military preparedness, Mr. Marshall said:

"I believe in the preparation of this country for war. Not that I want war, because the dream, the prayer of my life is that we shall keep out of war, but I know myself, and I have no way of measuring other men, and I am not willing to have some ruffian interfere with things which I believe to be my rights."

Address of Chilean Ambassador.

The Chilean ambassador, president of he congress, was frank in his treathistory of the relations between the United States and Latin American countries. He said, in part:

"No doubt, there has prevailed before now in the atmosphere in American foreign offices, uncertainties, misgivings and suspicions whenever the well inspired and unquestionably beneficial declaration by President Monroe was brandished in the United States with a view to practical application. There was lacking the precise definition of the meaning and extent of that memorable document and many of the weaker American nations seemed afraid and apprehensive whenever the news reached them of a possible practical application of its declarations.

"Thus, the Monroe doctrine might have been a threat so long as it was only a right and an obligation on the part of the United States. Generalized as a derivation from the pan-American policy, supported by all the republics in the continent as a common force.

(Continued on Second Page,) ... the color of the gathering was added to immensely by the read and gold and blue and yellow of the full-dress uniforms.

Within the hall the flags of the American republics; while during the formal platform ceremonies and the singing today, the Stars and Stripes were held aloft by Marine Corps men.

That branch of science which has to do with colors would ungloubtedly feel satisfied with the display made by the many flags, while the science of tones and harmonies upturned all of its most pleasing knowledge at the magic touch of the red-coated performers of a section of the Marine Band.

D. A. B. Women Present.

In the boxes were many women, a large proportion of them being officials of the D. A. R., the organization which American countries. He said, in part:

Pretty Picture Is Formed by Riotous Color Display

When Music Opens Session The classic countenance of Minerva. smile today, as she looked out from the profusely flowered and flagged goddess was welcomed by name in a pan-American hymn, heard in Washington today for the first time and sung by a melodious chorus of members of the Home Club. To make a fine and formal party of the affair, everyone was dressed in his or her best, which included silks and satins, and tall hats and spats, fine new ties and plenty of full dress from navy, army and marine corps officers on duty as aids and ushers. Intermingled were to be seen the efficient-looking blue uniforms of the hard working and willing high school cadets.

The members and delegates and friends of the congress began to stir about and look busy long before breakfast today. The delegates thronged hotel corridors and greeted friends from Pan-American countries in all the courtesies which the Latin tongues allow, and arrived at the hall in plenty of time to hear John Barrett announce from the platform that the congress is now "open." pan-American hymn, heard in Wash

from the platform that the congress as now "open."

The Continental Memorial Hall is a mass of flags of All-America today, and please note the hyphen in the word All-America. It is there by the design of the translator of the Pan-American hymn:

At the clarion call of Minerva All America rises today, As a herald the great word proclaining, Its wisdom and truth to display.

Many Flags in Evidence.

Upon the marble steps of the hall stood two fine looking enlisted men from the Marine Corps, dressed in the best the regulations allow, and holding spick-and-span American flags at attention. Within the broad glass doors were officers of the three branches of the service, who acted as ushers to the distinguished delegates and guests, and the color of the gathering was added to immensely by the read and gold and

. (Continued on Second Page,) . , of the D. A. R., the organization which